

## ***Wedding Policy for St. Peter Catholic Church***

In the Catholic Church, Christian marriage is a sacrament and we want couples to be well-prepared. This sacrament celebrates the covenant of self-giving love between man and woman. It images the mystery of unity and love between Christ and His Church. Marriage confirms the couple's vocation and establishes them as a Sacramental couple in and for the Church.

To avoid disappointment and misunderstanding on the part of couples who seek to be married here, St. Peter Parish has the following policy.

1. At least one of the persons seeking to be married at St. Peter must be:
  - a. A practicing and active Catholic in good standing
  - b. A registered member of a Catholic parish
  - c. If not a member of St. Peter Parish, documentation from your parish must be provided
2. We understand there are many who spend vacations in the area and we are always happy to welcome and provide for them a place to worship. We try to accommodate all wedding requests, but we must give priority to St. Peter parishioners.
3. The celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is always a sacred event. All weddings must be celebrated in a church.
4. Contact the parish office (269-857-7951) at least six months before your anticipated wedding date to begin the marriage preparation process.

*For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.*

Mark 10:7-9